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AF-BISHOP, RP-PURCELL, AF/E - BOGOSIAN, AF/EX - MORAN, AND
INR/AF DALSIMER

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: KPRP AINFO UG
SUBJECT: REPORTING: UGANDA

REF: STATE 197996

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE US SOME HELP ON STAFFING, THE PERIOD JUST AHEAD WILL BE EXCEEDINGLY THIN ON SUBSTANTIVE REPORTING FROM KAMPALA AND UNREASONABLY DEMANDING ON PERSONNEL ATTEMPTING TO HANDLE OTHER EMBASSY BUSINESS.

3. THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER POSITION HAS A NEW INCUMBENT AND A PARTICULARLY DEMANDING PORTFOLIO. DCM IN ON LEAVE FOR ONE MONTH STARTING JULY 5. OUR RP CONTRACTOR LEAVES HERE ON JULY 12 WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT. AMBASSADOR DEPARTS AUGUST 13 FOR SIX WEEKS CONSULTATION AND HOME LEAVE. WE HAVE NO WORD ON A REPORTING OFFICER TO FILL OUR NEW POSITION. EMBASSY'S ONLY SECRETARY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND PAO ARE COMPLETING THEIR ASSIGNMENTS BY FALL, AND THERE IS A NEW RSO.

4. DURING THIS MONTH, WE EXPECT A CODEL AND A PRELIMINARY MILITARY TRAINING TEAM VISIT AS WELL AS CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER GETMAN. THE INTERNAL POLITICAL/SECURITY/HUMANITARIAN SITUATION CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE, AND WE CERTAINLY ANTICIPATE NO DWINDLING OF WASHINGTON INFORMATION NEEDS. ALL THIS AND A RECENT INSPECTION WHICH HAS CONFIRMED SOME THINGS WE ALREADY KNEW ABOUT HOW FAR WE HAVE YET TO GO TO GET THE MISSION REESTABLISHED AND OPERATING NORMALLY. UNLESS WE GET SOME HELP SOON, OUR REPORTING PLAN (REFTEL) AND MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INSPECTORS FOR EARLY POST ACTION WILL BE QUITE UNREALISTIC.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: CAN THE DEPARTMENT (AF, INR, RP, OR ANYBODY ELSE) PROVIDE A TEMPORARY DUTY OFFICER TO ASSIST FOR ANY OR ALL OF PERIOD MID-JULY TO MID-OCTOBER?
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END OF MESSAGE

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